

TABLE OF DROUGHT ASSISTANCE MEASURES

Australian Government measures	Funding \$ (committed since 2018-19)	Responsible Department / Agency
Supporting those affected now		
Farm Household Allowance ¹	313,900,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Rural Financial Counselling Service ²	5,000,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Drought Communities Small Business Support Program	7,000,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Drought Community Support Initiative ³	181,500,000	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Drought Community Outreach Program	10,000,000	National Drought and Flood Agency
Country Women's Association of Australia (June 2019 grant)	5,000,000	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
FarmHub (managed by the National Farmers' Federation)	774,400	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Regional Investment Corporation loans ⁴	2,000,000,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Bureau of Meteorology radars ⁵	77,200,000	Bureau of Meteorology
Regional weather and climate guides to help with on- farm decision making	2,700,000	Bureau of Meteorology
Improving Great Artesian Basin Drought Resilience	27,600,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Taxation Measures, including accelerated fodder storage asset depreciation and FMD's ⁶	75,000,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (with the Treasury and the Australian Taxation Office)
On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme	50,000,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Water for Fodder ⁷	82,600,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Empowering our Communities and Connecting Youth Awareness-raising Initiative and Telehealth Services	29,400,000	Department of Health

¹ The funding committed figure reflects additional funds provided to the FHA program in 2018-19 and 2019-20.

² Announced in August 2018 as part of the drought relief package. Note that \$77.2 million has been committed since 1 April 2016.

³ Includes rounds 1 and 2 of the initiative. Does not include Departmental funds to deliver the initiative.

⁴ The \$2 billion in drought concessional loan funding was originally committed in the Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper which was released in July 2015. The White Paper committed \$2.5 billion over 10 years from 2016-17 to a new drought concessional loan scheme. The RIC was established in 2018-19 and is the delivery mechanism for up to \$2 billion of the loan funding committed in the White Paper (the remaining \$500 million was delivered by states prior to RIC establishment).

⁵ The Bureau is currently managing variance in phasing of actual and budget requirements for radars through cash reserves.

⁶ Includes accelerated fodder storage asset depreciation and FMD Scheme.

⁷ Does not include \$3.9m departmental funding.

Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program	25,000,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
National Drought Map	4,200,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Joint Agency Drought Taskforce	5,600,000	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Supporting communities		
Drought Communities Programme Extension ⁸	301,000,000	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Drought Communities Program Extension – Roads to Recovery	138,852,750	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Building Better Regions Fund	200,000,000	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	15,000,000	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Education Special Circumstances	20,000,000	Department of Education, Skills and Employment
Community Child Care Fund	5,000,000	Department of Education, Skills and Employment
Enhancing long-term resilience and preparedness		
Future Drought Fund ⁹	5,000,000,000	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
National Water Grid Authority	100,000,000	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Total	8,682,327,150	

⁸ Includes seven tranches of funding for the programme, including the 28 January 2020 announcement.

⁹ Established under the *Future Drought Fund Act 2019* in September 2019, the Fund began with a \$3.9 billion investment, with earnings to be reinvested by the Future Fund Board until the balance reaches \$5 billion (expected 2028-2029). From July 2020, \$100 million will be available each year to invest in drought resilience programs.